



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, City Hall
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Lynn Whitacre, Marsha Meidinger, Terry Poe, Ellen Hamill, Michael Moore, Susan Whitacre, Glenda Fleming

Staff present: Joy Gilliland, Recreation Coordinator; Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2009

The minutes of the December 8, 2009 were approved with changes.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. ACTION ITEMS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. City Hall Art Exhibits

The Albany Visitors Association (AVA) would like to display artwork in March. Currently Richard Lucero is scheduled for March. Hamill will work with both to accommodate the AVA, possibly moving Lucero to May now that the Teen Art Exhibit will be held in the Albany Public Library.

Gilliland sent a follow-up email to Bob Ross of Project Hope and hasn't received a response. Recently, Ross expressed an interest in displaying artwork from the project in May. Gilliland will try to contact him again to offer the possibility of displaying at City Hall in June.

The Albany Public Library has installed a temporary hanging display at the main library. They are testing this display prior to purchasing. They like it so far and anticipate purchasing and installing the hanging device before May. The Teen Art Show will be held at the Albany Public Library. The Library would like art displays to be on a two-month rotation with the understanding that some displays may need to be removed for short periods of time or "bumped" dependent upon what's going on at the Library. They are not ready to schedule displays at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Gilliland will send a follow-up email to Bob Ross.

b. Going to Pots Opportunity

Going to Pots was a two-day local pottery show that was held for many years in Albany. The show gave potters a chance to sell new and overstocked merchandise to the public at a reduced rate. The artist received 75% of the proceeds, the organizer received 25%. It was most recently held in the building that houses the carousel workshop. It was put on by volunteers and Connie Petty, who has since passed away. The show hasn't run in two years. The Art Commission discussed bringing the show back to Albany and will add this item to the Discussion Items list to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Whitacres will check on past volunteer contact lists and flyers and report back to the Commission in February.
- Gilliland will check and see if the Albany Senior Center would be available for this show sometime in November.

c. Art Along the Rogue

Poe had nothing to report. Gilliland will do additional research on the event with the Grants Pass Parks and Recreation Department. Hayes sent out the initial call to artists to determine artist interest in this type of show (chalk art). Many of the email addresses came back undeliverable. She received about 10 positive responses.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Gilliland will contact the Grants Pass P & R Department for more information on how they put on the show.

d. Teen Art

The Commission finalized the Albany Public Library as the location for the display and reception. Gilliland will work with the Library to secure the exact location in the library and date and time of the artist reception.

The AVA is not open on Saturdays. Gilliland will check with Lucht to see if they could stay open on Saturday, April 24 to receive any late entries and will report back to the Commission.

Once the location, date and time of the reception and the dates for submitting artwork are finalized, the flyer, application and Web site will be updated. Copies of the new flyer and application will be sent out to the school contact list and copies of the flyer will be available for Commission members to distribute.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Hayes will send the Commissioners the sponsor contact list electronically.
- Commissioners will review the sponsor list and bring additional contact information to the February meeting.
- Commissioners will divvy up the list and choose sponsors to solicit so as not to overlap.
- Hayes and Gilliland will work to update the flyer, application and Web site and distribute them accordingly.

e. Albany Artist Juried Show at the LaSells Stewart Center

Michael Moore and the Albany Painting Enthusiasts (APES) continue to solicit cash prizes and donations for the show. The submission form is almost complete. A bank account for the entrance fees will be set up by the Moores. The call-to-artists flyer will be sent to the artists on the Albany artist contact list and added to the Commission Web site. Moore will ask the Library Director to purchase the People's Choice piece from the show.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Moore will send Hayes the call-to-artist flyer to be posted on the Web site.
- Gilliland and Hayes will mail the flyer to the Albany artist contact list.

f. Marble pieces left over from Library reception (what to do with them)

Extra pieces were dropped off at the Albany Senior Center. Gilliland will work with the Library to see if they could be sold at the book store in the Library. All of the pieces are signed by the artist.

g. Participation in Community Events (ADA and AVA calendars)

This was tabled for the February meeting. Commissioners are asked to think about whether they want to hold a fine art show in conjunction with one of the downtown events.

6. **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

None

7. **BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioners would like to send a letter to Emily Demoe thanking her for her participation in the reception at the Library in December.

The Commission will vote on a new chair and vice-chair at the March Commission meeting.

Agenda Build for Next Meeting

- City Hall exhibits
- Teen Art
- Art Along the Rogue
- Going to Pots
- Participation in Community Events
- Albany Artist Juried Show at the LaSells Stewart Center

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 9, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant, Albany Parks & Recreation